

A BILL

FOR AN ACT REQUIRING CITY COUNCILS AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CITIES AND TOWNS, ORGANIZED UNDER THE GENERAL INCORPORATION LAWS OF IOWA, TO PASS ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES AND TO LIMIT EXPENDITURES OF MONEY BY THEM.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. The city councils of cities and boards of trustees in towns incorporated under the general incorporation laws of the State shall within the first quarter of each fiscal year, after the taking effect of this act, pass an ordinance to be known as "The General Appropriation Ordinance" in and by which they shall appropriate such sums as they shall deem necessary to defray the ordinary and incidental expenses of such corporation, which are payable out of the general revenues or funds of the city for the current year. Such ordinances shall specify the purposes for which appropriations are made and the amount appropriated to each purpose and no additional appropriation or appropriations shall thereafter be made out of the general revenues or funds of the city during such fiscal year without the affirmative vote of three-fourths of all the members of the city council or board of trustees.

SEC. 2. In case any such city or town shall be indebted in a sum equal to or greater than five per centum on the assessed valuation of all the taxable property therein, such appropriations shall not exceed the income for general purposes of such city or town for such fiscal year.

SEC. 3. No warrant or order shall be drawn on the treasurer of any such city or town, payable out of the general revenues or funds thereof before an appropriation shall have been made, as herein provided, nor without an appropriation for the payment thereof, or in excess of the amount appropriated for such purpose.

SEC. 4. No contract shall be made after the taking effect of this act by the city council, board of trustees, or any committee or member thereof, nor by any officer or department of such city or town government payable out of its general revenues or funds, nor shall any indebtedness be incurred properly chargeable thereto unless an appropriation shall have been made for the full amount thereof, and all contracts involving expenditures in excess of appropriations shall be absolutely void.

SEC. 5. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the Iowa State Register and the Iowa State Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.